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Mr. Root Exposes a Fallacy.

In another column on this page THE BUX prints to-day a letter from ELIHU ROOT to JAMES R. SHEFFIELD, in which Mr. Root answers the plea that Republicans should support Mr. Ben-BETT for Mayor because he is running on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Root is peculiarly qualified for this task. He knows the history of the constitutional and statutory enactments governing party organizations; he knows the election law; he at least as well as any other man in this country.

No Republican who reads Mr. duty on November 6. The issue of "regularity" raised by Mr. BENNETT is finally disposed of in this document, and from now on it will not distract attention from the vital work of electing MITCHEL, for the reasons Mr. Roor so ably sets forth.

Our Nation at the War Council.

The United States has held itself rigidly aloof from the periodical war councils held by the Allies in Paris. In part this attitude has doubtless been influenced by the historic warning of George Washington against "entangling alliances abroad." It maintains the position assumed by the Administration that we are not actual allies of England, France and others, but merely cobelligerents.

It is reported, however, that in the coming war council the United States too will sit at the table. Secretary LANSING, though noncommittal, admits that the matter is under consid-

Splitting straws on so rudimentary proposition as this seems silly. If. as is probable, our men will soon be line, with the French on one flank, the British on the other, having the same storm of missiles of death ready to pour upon the common enemy. facing the same torrent of shot and shell, gas and flame, it is idle to fear any closer alliance resulting from a few men sitting at a council board.

WASHINGTON warned against "permanent" alliance only. Only by consent of the Senate can such an alliance be perfected. Whatever sort of working alliance may aid in bringing this war to a victorious and speedy end we should engerly join. And let us have fighting men for our delegates to the council.

Silence the Gossips.

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies does well to protest against the ceaseless circulation from tongue to tongue of baseless stories of disaster to American forces on their way to France, of plots that never were devised, of damage to milltary property that never occurred. Everybody has heard the narratives of terrible things that never happened. There is that complete hospital unit falsely reported to have vanished months ago somewhere between the United States and France. No newspaper ever printed a line about it, but every gossip can tell you of a sorrowing mother or young wife in a distant town who has had word from some mysterious source in Europe of the obliteration of the whole body of surgeons and nurses. Of course the Navy and War Departto gossip industriously circulated and we cannot trade with the countries now backed up by such personal evidence at war. as "I know a woman whose cousin | "Gentlemen, what does this resolution heard that the stepsister of one of the nurses said," &c.?

repeat it. Wiser ones listen incredu- the European war."

The man or woman who goes about telling, on the most doubtful author- closed with these sentences; ity or upon no authority at all, tales likely to disquiet and worry those who have given their dear ones to the nation's armed service, or who retalls scandal likely to bring the management of the war into contempt, is much more than a public nulsance. The practice is a public menace.

The loyal citizen can render a posttive service to his country by demanding of such a distributer of distressing and hurtful gossip the proof of his assertions, and if it is not furnished by shutting him up.

Representative Dill's Excursion to Europe.

While the ten Representatives in Congress who are planning to visit the war front in Europe and to meet the members of the legislative bodies of our Allies will not represent the House, the Congress, or the nation, special passports have been issued to them, and they cannot, however they may strive so to do, divest themselves of their official character in their travels. Of them, nine were in the House when, on March 7, 1916, the McLemore resolution was tabled, and six of these-Dale, Hicks, John-SON, DILL, GOODWIN and PARKERvoted in favor of that action. Mr. TAYLOR of Colorado was paired, but would have voted to table it. Mr. TIMBERLAKE and Mr. STEPHENS OF Nebraska voted against tabling.

On the question of war, when the House voted on April 5 of this year. all of these Representatives except Mr. Ditt. who halls from Washing ton, voted in favor of the resolution recognizing the condition that Germany's hostile acts had created. Mr. Dill voted against the resolution, and in explaining his attitude he uttered sentiments which make his decision to visit the battlefields if not incomprehensible, certainly astonishing,

In that address Mr. Ditt. recalled knows the primary law, and he knows that in his campaign he had urged the Republican party and its purposes the voters to reelect President Wilsox because the President had kept us out of war, and declared that he felt himself pledged to do all that lay Roor's letter will be in doubt as to his in his power to prevent the nation position in the face of rising prices, party support, or even recognition. from entering the struggle. But Mr. his explanation of his conduct. In his of purchasing Liberty bonds. speech he said:

> "We have been told here that this is war to establish democracy throughut the world

"Well, it may be, but I have no faith establishing democracy by joining my land, call it what you will, a nation whose 500 years of history has left a bloody trail on every continent in the world; and I for my part will not take the eten by which this resolution proposes, and go into this war on the side of the Allies.

"This is a war upon the part of the Allies and the other European countries, for trade and territory.

only interest is in the protection of our own rights.

"So far as interfering with our rights is concerned both groups of belligerents

but we submitted.

it with submarines, and warned us to nothing of the merits of that system. the gallery, "That'll make a bell of socks and other sarments". Can they sent our vessels in. They were de- found in the whole mob three old T. R.;" and the Colonel's name was is such urgent need of them? stroyed. Had we sent our vessels into enough-17 years-to be arraigned, permitted to pass as merely among the English war zone they would have But the neighborhood has been in those present. been destroyed.

affronts we submitted because we refused to submit to the affronts of one of any school system. the other nations?

"I am not here to defend the actions of the German Government. I think they "demonstration" was without imhave been reprehensible. They consti- portance. But it is important as tute a fust cause for war. In fact, we have had cause for war for months if the nation desired to resort to arms. But I say to you that if this nation, the last and only great nation on earth still at peace, goes into this world war. what hope is there for that peace for which we have so long builded and which we have so long thought could be established throughout the world?

"I do not know what other gentlemen think about this, but I can see it in only

theories, when you strip away all the beautiful language and get down to the real reason for going into this war, it is for the purpose of trading with the Allies. We try to trade with the Allies, and our ships are blown up because they go into the zone which Germany and no doubt Mr. MURPHY will inforbids, although we do not go into the struct his puppet HYLAN to point to ments have denied that such a dis- sone which England forbids. For my it as a spontaneous uprising of the aster has occurred, but what is the part I am unwilling to vote to send the word of a Cabinet officer compared boys to the European trenches because

propose? It declares that a state of How much of this sort of thing is which we attempt to justify to the started by German propagandists can world our entering into this war. This only be guessed. Once started it is nation has never had a war with a forassiduously circulated and multiplied eigh country at it did not begin, and to ignorance, to carelessless and to a installed? by the ready tongue of gossip. We if we go into this war, make no mishear that our transports have been take about it, we begin it. Germany's sunk and the fact suppressed, that attacks upon us are incidental in her our soldiers are underfied and bru, attempt to destroy England and the harmful, cally fremred, that contractors are other countries allied with England, and grafters and officers incompetent, we take up the gage of battle on our ing disease. Lawyers make mistakes The foolish give our to the gossip and two initiative, join the Allies, and enter itn advising their clients. Merchants

lously and forget it. But the proper Mr. Dut said he expected to be as but at some time, in some matter, course is to demand process proof of sciled for his tone, and declared that timakes a mistake, the alligations, and if the had rootly difference on it he should be driven. Sometimes, the people make mis-

evil report by ridicule or by immedi- fate "with his head erect, able to look times the officials elected by the peoevery man and woman in the face,"

> "I refuse to do a thing which my conscience revolts against. "I refuse to do a thing which judgment is the greatest crime ever per-

petrated upon a free people, namely. drag them into this hell of war by join-We have not included among the promises to be an American if war were declared. They are not particularly interesting, novel, or illuminating. What we have endeavored to do

duced is one that makes us wonder without publicity. how he will enjoy his excursion to our reasons for entering the war will

pectantly to a pleasant trip abroad. day. If he does, we fear he will be seriously disappointed.

Here a Dollar Buys More Than It Has for Years.

A reader in Michigan writes to us of patriotism but the decreasing pur- would have been a mistake. chasing power of any particular sum ies it bought years ago."

the dollar buys more than ever. One would have been a mistake. hundred dollars invested in the Libthe United States of America. There lessly and effectively. years when it would not; there will made,

be plenty in the years to come. Our friend wasn't thinking of that. perhaps? He had in mind the inhis diminished saving power is sim-Dut, was not satisfied to let this end ply a conclusive argument in favor.

What he saves now must be securely placed, must be so placed as to be of greatest service to his country, and must return him the highest interest procurable with absolute and unques loned safety of principal. His say ings must be instantly at his command; he must be able to get hold of them in cash at any time; he must be able to use them up to the hilt as collateral should that be necessary.

Instinct drives the man who see his saving power lessened despite his most energetic efforts to invest every red cent he does save with the great est care and pains. In other times with the saving margin of his income expanding, he might venture a little in the hope of reaping exceptional prof its. Then if he lost it wouldn't matter seriously. Now he must not lose! Liberty bonds are the investment he will pick.

Disorganizing the Schools.

The first fruits of the Tamma "England created a war zone, filled it injection of the schools into politics he walks bowlegged." with submerged mines, and warned us appeared Tuesday when 3,000 school name was blazoned on the list of ments go and why the soldiers in camps to keep our vessels out. We protested, children paraded the upper East traitors but without specification of are not fairly well supplied and why "Germany created a war zone, filled tem. Of course the children knew the oratorical Justice shouled from why should the soldiers have hand made fested with Tammany soap box ora-"Under these circumstances, shall we lors denouncing the Gary system, and ing, these estimates of his fellow Re- know of no women slackers join with the group of nations to whose it takes but little in weather like publicans, Mr. BENNETT can hardly this to make a boy protest against be surprised if the Republican clubs

the demerits of the Gary system the Hall. Tammany effort to make public education the football of politics. As a proved to be utterly devoid of any electorate very properly holds that it established no reclamation camps. is a matter to be determined deliberately upon advice of professional educators rather than professional politicians. It has no place in the hurlyburly of a political campaign.

But Tammany has pressed it fust sufficiently to awaken unrest and revolt among the school children. Its soap box orators and agitators have succeeded in inciting some hundreds of children, still of the spankable age to riot in support of the Tammany contention. 'Tis a great achievement, people to "break the hold of JOHN D." on our public schools.

In This Case No Mistake Was Made.

than mistakes. There are many kinds of mistakes, they ought not to charge for it. -mistakes of judgment, mistakes due when is the "tipless Tuesday" to be good many other causes. Some mistakes are harmless, some harmful Some that seem harmless may be

Doctors make mistakes in diagnosmake mistakes in buying. No human

results to shears the circulator of from public lefe is would accept its takes in electing their officials. Some

ple make mistakes. Oftentimes the because he had done his duty. He mistakes of officials, like the mistakes of the doctors, are not discovered

until it is too late to remedy them. Because of the liability of public officers to make mistakes, it is gratifying to call attention once in a while to an official act and the manner in nocent part, which it was performed where no mistake was made.

A few weeks ago the French Ambassador requested Governor WHITextracts from Mr. Dill's speech his MAN to investigate certain bank accounts in three of the banks of New York city. The Governor relied upon . the Attorney-General of the State to take necessary steps to obtain the is to supply a canvas on which he information desired. The Attorneymight paint his own picture. He has General proceeded without delay and done it, and the portrait he has pro- gathered the desired information

With the information in his posses-Europe, where he must be the guest of sion the Attorney-General visited the the Allies and where his opinion of French Ambassador and submitted to and anticipating trouble Governor Seyhim the documentary evidence which no doubt be duly exploited by our when summarized and cabled to Paris enemies in their campaign to confuse resulted in the immediate arrest of and discourage our soldiers and our one PAUL Bolo Pasha on a charge of treason to France. Boto may as a they had urged to speak from the City Mr. Ditt. may look forward ex- result face a firing squad at an early

operated in a different way. He might have proceeded in a public manner to obtain the necessary information, and might easily have given to the matter so much publicity that to express the opinion that "the great- Boto when wanted would have been est difficulty in the way of the suc- safe in Switzerland, beyond the reach cess of the Liberty Loan is not lack of the French Military Court. That

The Attorney-General might have of money. One hundred dollars will conducted his investigation in such a buy only a fraction of the commodi- way as to have directed susplcion against banks and individuals en-There is one commodity of which tirely innocent of wrongdoing. That

The job was undertaken and carerty Loan will buy a \$100 bond of ried to completion speedily, noise-

have been plenty of times in recent | In other words, no mistake was

Where Mr. Bennett Is Welcome.

"I have been barred out of Repubreasing cost of everything operating | Hean clubbouses in Manhattan," comto reduce the available margin of plains Mr. BENNETT, dolorously strivhis salary, maybe. Well, difficult as ing to explain his anomalous position the salaried man finds his present as a Republican candidate devoid of

But why should a Republican club welcome his presence? He comes from keeping strange company, from Tribune building to the City Hail. giving by his silence assent to the Republicans to whom clubhouse doors are not barred.

Sitting complacently upon the plat form in Brooklyn the other night this Republican candidate for Mayor listened appreclatively while Mr. Justice Crorsey, speaking in his behalf. described CHARLES EVANS HUGHES. lately Republican nominee for the Presidency, as a public man who Is

now representing the Mayor, not for glory, not for love of the city, but for the many thousands of good dollars that you and I paid into the public treasury."

Others still whom the Republican party has honored were impaled on the lance of Chorsey before the fascinated eyes of Bennert. Governor. WHITMAN had "surrendered to the moneybund." The same insidious against the women of the country being moneybund "had whispered in the called or considered slackers in the ear" of Comptroller Taxvis. Senator CALDER has "straddled so often that Side in protest against the Gary sys. his offence. A wiser statesman than

turn to him a cold shoulder. But he hank, In its bearings upon the merits or ought to be welcome at Tammany cents only two years ago.

To save sugar cut down on candy. showing what may result from the or else eat long lasting candy. Pitiless

factor in the campaign the issue has menu of the United States Navy for some months now.

many Hall," says Mr. MURPHY. at City Hall after November 6 if the we won't stand being called slackers. present business goes well Convicts take war bonds.-Headline

Rather democracy and a prison than the "liberty" of Kultur.

How far that small Black Diamond Wool has been condemned as contraband and Von Timetrz may have to

go without his sheep's clothing this The Russians will have no difficulty in defending the Svorb Peninsula and some other strongholds from enemy

pronunciation, It will be interesting to notice Nothing that men make is more whether the cryptic note "B. & B. 10." easily made than a mistake. Per- will appear on restaurant checks on war exists. That is a legal fiction by haps nothing is more frequently made the "wheatless Wednesdays" which the eating house proprietors are promising. If they don't serve wheat bread

> Mr. MURPHY is asked whether Judge HYLAN is a tool. Mr. Munray spells the word backward.

Loosen up for Liberty!

A Limit to Everything.

From the Asquith Empire. me "proper" words are min-"ap" this weak, our readers will please HE HEARD SEYMOUR

And Tells a Circumstantial Story of the Governor's Fatal Address. Ruined Chimneys of France. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! The letter of Victor Hugo Paltsits brought vividly to my mind one of the thrilling incidents of the civil war period in

which, though a small lad, I took an in-On the day in 1863 that Governor boys now somewhere in France. Horatio Seymour made the simple ad- not make that large Christmas trade dress which gave his political enemies not only here but all over the land, conand destroy in a measure his influence throughout the nation, I happened in front of the old Tribune building, corner of Spruce and Nassau streets, and heard We know about what amount it has

been customary for us to use, and could we do better than to devote that sum

At that particular time there great excitement in the city over the contemplated execution of a draft order, Yours in behalf of a Merry Christmas mour had come to the City Hall to confor our American soldiers.

newsies and their crank friend Hall steps gathered volume at every Let Liberty Sequrities Be Offered step and by the time they had reaches their destination they had increased a hundredfold.

fer with Mayor George C. Opdyke on

a long haired oracle of soap box dimen-

sions being ridiculed by a lot of news-

gested that the fellow go to the City

Hall steps and deliver his speech, he

thereto.

the situation.

Not a dozen knew what was to han-The crowd was not composed of rioters in any sense, though the draft excitement then prevailing may have awakened that presumption, and clous duck must have conveyed the impression that a mob had gathered in front of the City Hall.

The Mayor and Governor with the City Marshal bearing the Mayor's flag proceeded to the front of the building and the crowd by that time had grown thousands, The Mayor deferenand any one who had ever gazed upon the Governor's fatherly face or had heard his sympathetic voice would never be surprised at his saying "My friends" as he started his brief address

By so doing he played into the hands of his political enemies, who never failed to utilize the opportunity charging him with cailing a mob of opperheads and draft opponents "his When the Governor subsequently was nominated for the Presidency the two words quoted furnished. To TH the slogan that sounded throughout the last the campaign which ended ingloriously for

responsible for the gathering of the crowd he never would have left the whose and their crank friend and the multitude are now most savage attacks upon eminent the facts as here narrated and the letter appearing in Saturday's issue struck me a

so forcibly that I felt impelled to place far hedges and lawns, although the "true story" before you for your consideration. As my parents removed to Ptica soon after the incident, I had many an opportunity to see and hear Horatio Seymour, and through a young friend

the town of Deerfield, which is

GRORGE H. ROWE.

A KNITTER'S TROUBLES. Yarn Is High and Poor-And Then to Be Called a Slacker!

BEOOKLYN, October 17.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SItoo have read Mrs. George R. Dyer's appeal for knitted garments for the men Mrs. W. O. Robb's indignant protest knitting line

Hand knitting takes time woman I know is knitting and ROOSEVELT'S sometimes where all the knitted gardoes not the Government supply its soldiers with necessary clothing. keep our vessels out. We protested and It was with difficulty that the police a lot of votes for BENNETT-knocking not be made quicker in factories, if there. The melancholy days are come, the saidest

We knitters are neglecting some of our daily duties to help fill demands. for knitted garments for the soldiers Holding, or at least tacitly approv- We are all quite willing to do it and 1 The price of woollen varu is simply

outrageous. To make one pair of socks Why takes one hank of yarn at 90 cents ; The same hank of yarn cost 30 is hardly fit to knit into any kind of there any reason, psychological or garment, and we cannot help feeling asthetic, way the publishers' announcethat we are being cheated and that the ments should so generally take on an by the great Italian? Extraordinary money than they should. I hope the

within the reach of the majority of good. Manatons," a "Green Tree Mystery," a knitters, perhaps Mrs. Dyer's compre- "Green Mirror," a "Green Fancy," and hension of the subject would become even a short story on "Green Paint," it significance or influence whatsoever. Perhaps Senator La Follette should clearer. And if the Government would would seem that something more than People are not discussing it. The not be interned, but consider—we have take charge of weollen yarn as well as coincidence must have decked out concoal and other necessary things temporaneous literary nomenclature in there would be no need of urging the so much verdure. I am attending to business at Tam- women to knit. We are glad to knit and And more than willing to do our share, but CONSTANT KNITTER.

NEW YORK, October 17.

The Story of the Camp.

off to the young man who writes from passed by lightly, as were all of Farmer amp Upton every day his cheery story. Murphy's letters. of a soldier's life and Saturday's story about Sergeant Busick | Long life to him, the waves of the ocean he used to com-May he go with the National Army to press air. By this means air could be France and send back just such cheer- compressed in unlimited quantities, suffiig reports as he sends from Camp Up- clent, in fact, to furnish power greater ton. May the style of writing he is pro- than 10,000 Niagaras. By the use of ducing lift him further and put him up this power more electricity could be in the ranks of literature where he be- produced than by any other known longs, because the Upton stories cer- means. tainly are wonderful. R. T. CHILDS. NEW YORK, October 17.

Lost on a Kansas Prairie. From the Atchison Globe.

The new engineer on the Rock Island; a farmhouse the other day, and asked the farmer if the train was on the right way a DeKath. On account of the high

Silver Bullet. Soldier husband, father, son, I can send not I have none; Silver bullet, be the one.

I can neither shoot per stun. Hait the foe nor make him run; Silver bullet, take the gun.

Where his web of steel is apur Search him out where he visiter builet, find the Hun.

Blot the Teuton from the sun. End the war with triumph won silver bullet, get it dine! McLandstron Wilson

Let Santa Claus Come Down the

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: II by a clerk that every merchant in town was anticipating an unusually large Christmas trade.

There are many thousands of our Cannot adults forego the pleasure of exchanging gifts this year and confine our giving here at home to the children?

We will have our homes, firesides, cheer of all kinds; they, tents and solcaught the idea instantly and proceeded dier fare. Let us form an unorganized league

> for the spread of this idea. How can gifts be forwarded to the best advantage? Who will pledge to do

GLOVERSVILLE, October 18. BONDS AS A TEST.

Campaign Meetings.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! The question as to which is the better American, Mayor Mitchel or Judge Hylan be answered by determining whether the best element of the American peo-ple favor Mitchel or Hylan for Mayor. test that can be made is to have some Liberty bond salesmen on hand at several campaign meetings to solicit

I am sure that the result will show to the real Americans of this city want for Mayor. It is a foregone conclusion that the pro-Germans who will vote for Mr. Mitchel are about as plen tiful as hen's teeth.

The bonds sold will assist Uncle Sam and show up a few of the traitors and copperheads that are among us and that are against anything American NEW YORK, October 17.

IN AUTUMN.

When the Furnace Starts and the Dou ble Window Is Often Oppressive.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: At some places more than half turned. Green, yellow, red and varieties of these Had he known the element that was colors embellish the landscape, although occasionally there appears some tree Mayor's office to address the newsles changed. And wooded hills and valleys beautiful and brilliant in their that gathered in proceeding from the autumnal vesture. Already the leaves are falling some a week or more ago Many times I have publicly related and the fallen leaves whirl and dance in sudden and fitful breezes or lie like have lost their former freshness of appearance, are still somewhat restful to the eye, but the hedge is trimmed more and the voice of the grass cutter resounds no more upon the lawn

The harvest is almost over I was permitted to inspect his model flowers are mostly dead or dying, but here and there some sturdy hydrangeas situated across the Mohawk River at exhibit their robust blossoms. First frost has come, a heavy frost has lowed, the night is chuly although the day, particularly around mountime, is usually pleasant and mild. causes discomfort to those of us who have started the furnace and put on "double windows." But as yet the place warms most of our homes and the real cold has not come to penetrate into inner recesses of the house

draws nearer and nearer. The sun has some weeks past commenced to descend toward the south and the bright sun of night, Capella, is rising higher slowly and surely dying, already the a man of Lincoln's height and build in cents a pound leaves have half turned and are falling a standing position. There must be they sell the hide at from the one by one from wind shaken branches, some attitude or pose or a gesture; but and charge us 26 cents a toyard Yet a few weeks and we shall mournfully exclaim again:

walling winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sear,

CHARLES NEVERS HOLMES. NEWTON, Mass. October 17.

GREEN GOODS.

This Outpouring of Emerald Hued Reading Matter! TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. IS

When we are offered all at once a Government will tax them accordingly. "Greenmantle" and a "Green Jacket," a If the price of woollen yarn was "Green Tent in Flanders" and "Green

ELIZABETH, N. J. October 17.

The Lost Power of the Sen.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -SO: MY letter in THE SUN of November 14, 1916. in which I suggested that hot air be brought from the tropics by means of To the Entrop of The Sun-Sir: Hats tubes, to furnish heat in winter, was

I now suggest that the movement of

FALL RIVER, Mass., October 17.

The Three "I'ps."

it not up to us in the United States and does not public opinion so sum up? If you are pro-German, Shut up! not, Go up; and if you cannot or better BUTTERSUT, N. Y., October 17.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SOC. D.

A Ploncer Camouffeur. To the Emitor of The Stn-Sir. Campa

lage in Langfellow: "Why don't you speak or sourself, John " New Your, October 17.

A Kansas Boy Sees Gotham. Saldier's letter in the Hutchinson News

We get a pass to go to New York ep-and get forty-five hours leave of absence so we can have a good time seeing the sights. I have seen the Woodworth Build It is fifty-five stories high. Morgan's John D's offices are as and the biggest cate in New York cits.

OUR SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS. MR. ROOT EXPOSES THE FALLACY OF THE CRY OF "REGULARITY."

New York store it was said recently No Legal, Moral or Partisan Obligation Rests on Republicans to Support Bennett or on Democrats to Support Hylan.

municipal election. The people of the State under the as Mayor of New leadership of the Republican party has them. He has shown himself not separated municipal elections from only honest, intelligent and attentive State and national elections for the to duty, but he is a born fighter, pe express purpose of making the mem- fectly fearless, just as ready to party obligation in voting the munici- without them, and he has a tremes pal officers. This was done by the dous enthusiasm for his job. Ac. Constitution adopted in 1894. convention which framed that Con- not to draw a salary and be orname. stitution was Republican by a large tal, but to have a well governed city majority. Its president was Joseph to knock out the crooks and in H. Choate. Its work was specifically postors who seek to fatten on the approved by the Republican State convention of that year. The Republi- and to keep things straight and gacans carried the State that fall, and things done for the benefit of by a heavy majority elected their State whole community.

ticket and adopted the Constitution. In the address to the people of the this, and if we really care about the State with which the convention submitted its work for the people to approve or reject the convention said: The main features which we propose are

itles municipal elections from State national elections, to the end that the business affairs of our great municipal wn merits, uncontrolled by national and State politics, and to the end also that politics may be determined upon their merits free from the disturbing and often rerien of amendments to rearrange the nunicipal officers, so that the elections for State officers will occur on the even numpal officers on the odd numbered years.

The Constitution was adopted upon that authentic and official statement of its purpose and effect. Tammany without avail, for the old city of New York voted in its favor, and the city of Brooklyn voted for it by a still larger majority. Well might Tammany oppose these provisions, for they deprive that sinister organization of the tremendous power of party regularity which she had so effectively used to maintain control over the repudiate or nullify the principle of ment for the cause of free dem those provisions would be to restore and the security and honor of way in which nominations are made a debt of gratitude, and we when they are made, whether by pri- express our sense of that by on by convention, is unimmary or The effect of a nomination is the same either way, and the constitutional principle firmly estab- enemies of our country will lished is that in a municipal election for a victory over loyal America the voters of every party remain absolutely free. This principle cannot be strengthened in her warfare annulled in one party and maintained in the other. Democrats are free to vote as they choose without regard to the Democratic nomination without saying that Republicans are free to vote as they choose in the coming municipal election without regard to the Republican nomination There are two strong reasons why

THE SCULPTOR'S PITFALL. It Takes a Genius to Carve a Standing

Lincoln. beg leave to advance the opinion that this country village where I Nature, over vale and bill, is no one but a genius can give dignity to retail butchers pay the factor the only permissible gesture will be, in poorest out of year. They not this case, one of benediction, and any from the farmer for 10 cents culptor knows what plifalls await him and sell to us for 3s and to who tries that out for future genera- pound.

ations to wonder at. This land is being overloaded with cents a pound and the grown tour de force works of art by men 10 cents for it. Eggs are lo who literally pound out their statues or 55 cents a dozenpaintings, and the architects seem to be are selling for 3x vents in he only ones among the intellectual city reators who are stricing for beauty. None of the food "excharacter, and therefore expression ranged by Mr. Hoover has yet Which representations of the lawgiver this species of extertion of Israel are the most impressive, those where he is shown receiving the tablets of stone on Mount Sinai and bushel. smiting the rock, or seated as depleted as we are to-day in our material schievements, we cannot afford to neglect the masters in intellectual achievement, and Horace's line in regard to poets still holds true as of the other

EDWIN A MOORE. KENSINGTON, CORE. October 17.

FARM HELP. German Prisoners as a Possible Aid to Soil Tillers.

creative arts.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE IN some of the river countles the farms bring enough in one season to more than pay for them, land and all. Men start in without a cent. fix things at the bank, and by snowfall are

free from debt and own a farm outright, lock, stock and barrel The farmer then has little to do all winter long. He feets his stock. brings in firewood, sits in the armchair, smokes his pipe and reads the Bible and the newspapers, and waits for the warm sun of spring to come again, on this side of the ocean are many inites and acres just as good and even

better for less money and less work. Help is the great trouble. Too bad there are no captives here o till the soil for Uncle Sam. But time may tell a differest tale and turn about is but fair play. N. B. JENKINS. NEW YORK, October 17.

Doctors, as Usual, Will Disagree.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: It a well known fact that a large percentage of our bodily ills come from Hylan throws the ball. New sating too much meat. It would not be Judge Hylan "throws to surprising, then, if some medicus, feels New York, ing a vacuum in his pocket occasioned by a better public health, the result of ess meat eating, should hit the restaurateurs for adopting a meatless day a

On the same principle, if we should places are made of took have a tipless day as well as a meat- gradually disintegrating less day, let us also have by all means some hundreds of thousand a doctor's feeless day The day after Planksgiving will do

perfectly to start with District Lass Appropria NEW YORK, OSTOOC, 17.

MY DEAR MR. SHEFFIELD: Of course I really patriotic Americans in New York am for the reelection of Mayor Mitchel. city should vote for Mr. Mitchel for No one familiar with the settled Mayor. The first reason is that he has been tried and has made good as principles of the Republican party in Mayor. I have known personally this State can suppose that in voting every Mayor of New York in the for Mayor on the 6th of November he past fifty years, and several of them ought to be controlled in the slightest have been my warm personal friends degree by the recent primary vote. No yet, I am satisfied that Mr. considerations of party loyalty or good has been the best Mayor N faith create any such obligation in a has had during all that time. It re quires peculiar qualities to political parties free from a man with votes behind him as a man The ing to his understanding, his to under all sorts of political pretences

> prosperity and good name of our to we will hold on to him for a se term at least. It is moreover an er cellent practice very good public officers to public to recognize real servants. All this would be to With the tremendous burder war upon us, we cannot after waste any strength in trying expert ments. All personal likes and delikes should be laid aside. we have experienced public server better not turn them out and try break in new men, who may succe and who may not. At the the change would mean a loss strength and efficiency on the part the American people at a time who we need all the strength

electing Mayor Mitchel is that he been a great war Mayor. None of of the Union cause in the owed so much was the leader of to had under his Mayoralty during leader, powerful, fearless, active fective, arousing his people country. If we permit him to be turne office. a great lieutenant of the many of the young men whom We cannot say that sending across the Atlant for us will pay with their by encouragement to our enemy Every disloyal man in New

officiency that is possible for

Faithfully vours Mr. JAMES R. SHEFFINI.

is against him.

New York, October 17.

CATSKILL PRICES. Report of What the Upstate Butcher

Pay and What They Charge

I managed to buy some

potatoes from a farmer for CATSKILL, October 17.

HYLAN'S TOSS

Is the Fate of the Glants a forceas of November 6" TO THE EDITOR OF THE ST there anything in signs? After the Chants bud betwo consecutive games in Co returned to New York

most unpromising. Mayor M. out the first ball at the open on the Pole Grounds. The Giants administered defeat to their opponents that day but on the for

well; the White Sox fall score on either occasion. Again were the triante cago, and once more that I New York with brighter : any team has enjoyed amemory under similar Judge Hylan thres: the fir

the home team was disc feated. this double episode indi-battle of November 6 will THE SUN WILLIS PAY Hylan threw the ball into at 2 o'clock, but the clients back." It was a dresdful it issue proved-a prefute t throes which agonized the

which I was one) as the c ceeded. NEW YORK, October 17.

A Backspin TO THE EDITOR OF THE SEN

A California Optimist From the Kedding section The summits of the S

will be fine enough on enough to be good the out that time may have done must of wate and the to assured or the task to * Sthout benefit to unlike an

NEW YORK, therefore 17